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The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are cited herein because they were cited in the Search Report of corresponding Canadian Application No. 2,540,372.

A copy of the Search Report is enclosed along with any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The Examiner may also wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item.

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